

PATENT APPLICATION

NTTE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Docket No: Q58140

Horikoshi MAMORU, et al.

Appln. No.: 09/508,418

Confirmation No.: Unassigned

Group Art Unit: 1652

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Examiner: D. Steadman

Filed: June 08, 2000

NOVEL PROTOPORPHYRINOGEN OXIDASE TOLERANT TO PHOTOBLEACHING

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE COMMUNICATION

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

For:

In response to the Office Communication dated May 22, 2002, submitted herewith is a signed copy of the Amendment as originally filed on February 21, 2002. Applicants file this response within the thirty day time period set forth in the notice, hence this response is timely.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,

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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

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For:

This Amendment is in response to the Office Action dated August 21, 2001. It is being filed with a Petition for Three Month Extension of Time, thereby extending the time for responding to the Office Action from November 21, 2001 to February 21, 2002. Accordingly this amendment is timely.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE TITLE:

Please delete the present title and replace it with the following new title:

Herbicide-Resistant Protoporphyrinogen Oxidase Isolated From Nicotiana tabacum.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claim 6 without prejudice or disclaimer.